Kerala Government's Memorandum to the Prime Minister

1382. SHRI VAYALAR RAVI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Kerala Government had submitted any memorandum to him during his visit to Kerala;

(b) if so, what are the main issues raised in the memorandum; and

(c) the steps taken on the request of the Kerala Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI. S.R. BALASUBNRAMONIYAN): (a) A Memorandum from the Council of Ministers of Kerala was given to the Prime Minister during his vist to Kerala on October 31, 1996.

(b) The issues raised in the memorandum mainly relate to matters concerning agriculture, rural development, tourism, public distribution system, Gulf returnees, setting up of a Naval Academy at Ezhimala and various developmental projects/schemes.

(c) The concerned Ministies/Departments have been asked to take appropriate action.

Survey of Unauthorised Constructions by Special Task Force

1383. SHRI JALALUDIN ANSARI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Special Task Force (STF) has conducted a survey of unauthorised constructions in G.K.-I and Kailash Colony;

(b) whether the shop-ownwers of Kailash Colony Market have encroached the terrace which is causing inconvenience to the customers; and

(c) if so, the details of unauthorised constructions in Kailash Colony Market and the action taken or proposed to be taken by Government in this regard; and if not the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The Task Force has reported that no such cases have come to its notice.

(c) Does not arise in view of reply to part (a) above.

Rural Development Project in Punjab

1384. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of rural development projects undertaken in Punjab, district-wise, during 1993-94, 1994-95 and 1995-96 as well as in the current financial year;

(b) the allocation of funds made by Government for each of the projects, yearwise, during the same period;

(c) the names of the districts where these projects are not being implemented in time, stating the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps being taken by Government in this respect?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMNENT (SHRI CHANDRADEO PRASAD VARMA): (a) and (b) No Rural Development projects except under Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP) are being implemented in the State of Punjab. The projects under the centrally sponsored ARWSP are approved by the State Government of Punjab under the powers delegated to the State. District-wise information of project is not maintained at the level of the Central Government. Under the Sub-Mission, the following projects have been approved for implementation during the last 3 years (no project has been approved in the current year so far).

S. No.	Name of the Schemes/Projects	Est. Cost/approved cost (Rs. in lakh)
1.	Drinking water in villages having brackish water in the District of Ferozpur, Amritsar and Patiala (191 villages)	1740.00 approved
2.	Drinking water for control of Fluorosis in Ludhiana & Amristar District (199 villages)	1370.25 (Approved 12 villages)
3.	Strengthening of partially covered rural water supply schemes having excess fluorides in the district of Bhatinda and Mansa 10 schemes (11 villages)	597.00 approved
4.	Strengthening of partially covered rural water supply schemes having excess fluorides in the district of Ferozpur 265 schemes (28 villages)	436.00 approved
5.	Drinking water supply in fluoride affected villages of Gurdaspur, Jalandhar, Patiala and Sangrur district (74 villages).	649.00 approved

(c) and (d) The projects are being implemented generally in time in all Districts.

Direct injection petrol in Japan

1385. SHRI VEDPRAKASH P. GOYAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that direct injection petrol has been launched in automobiles in Japan;

(b) whether it is in commercial use in that country;

(c) whether Government have made any study about the suitability of that fuel in India;

(d) if so, the findings thereof in regard to its benefits over petrol and diesel; and

(e) how does its cost compare with leaded and unleaded petrol and diesel?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T. R. BAALU): (a) to (e) The direct injection of Petrol is a different mode of introducising Petrol in engines replacing carburettors. Some petrol is used in both the modes.

Establishment of New Nuclear Power Plants

1386. SHRI S. MUTHU MANI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to build a new series of nuclear power plants;

(b) if so, the locations identified by Government to erect the new nuclear power plants;

(c) whether Government are formulating revised Nuclear Power Programme to achieve rapid growth in the installed nuclear power capacity;

(d) whether it is a fact that the energy starved Southern Region, without adequate thermal or hydel resources, would find it cheaper to install atomic power plants; and

(e) the total M. Ws of electricity production envisaged by way of nuclear energy during the Ninth Five Year Plan and the amount earmarked for the same?